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PRODUCTION OF CALIFORNIA TIMBER OPERATORS IN 1972^{1/}

There was an increase in timber production of 210,890,000 board feet in California during 1972. Harvesting amounted to 5,000,507,000 board feet, an increase of 4.40 percent above 1971.



Fig. 1. High-lead logging in Humboldt County.

^{1/} Daniel Dotta of the State Forester's staff compiled this report. The basic information is supplied by the timber operators, the Division of Forestry forest practice inspectors, and county sheriffs' department in regard to Christmas tree production.

Timber production usually fluctuates depending upon demand by the construction industry. This appears to be true in 1972. There was also an increase in stumpage prices. California climbs back to the 5 billion board foot mark again after two years under this amount.

The north coastal counties of Humboldt, Mendocino, and Del Norte continue to produce over one-third (36+ percent) of the state's timber harvest. The top five producing counties were Humboldt, Mendocino, Siskiyou, Shasta and Plumas.

California remains third in the nation in forest products production. Oregon is the leader with Washington second. Both showed increased production (Oregon 6.7% and Washington 9.8%).

The information in the following tables was reduced to a common base; sawlogs and veneer logs were not segregated. There was no attempt to convert all units to a common log scale. Most of the reports made no mention of the scale used. Counties in which no timber was reported were deleted from this report. Some counties are combined to keep confidential individual production. The reports included both government and private ownership and no attempt was made to differentiate. Choose and cut plantation production is not included in the report about Christmas trees.

Each fence post was given a value of 11 board feet and each pole or piling 100 board feet. Information received from timber operators when filing notices of their 1972 operations was volunteered.

Table 1. Active timber operators, 1946-1972

Year	Timber operators (number)	Timber volume cut (board feet)
1946	399	
1947	790	3,185,995,000
1948	810	3,983,213,000
1949	813	3,795,252,000
1950	989	4,303,011,000
1951	1,052	4,984,288,000
1952	1,228	5,057,036,000
1953	1,487	5,990,088,000
1954	1,599	5,600,310,000
1955	1,768	6,014,939,000
1956	1,718	5,861,634,000
1957	1,591	5,346,521,000
1958	1,526	5,675,392,000
1959	1,677	5,886,061,000
1960	1,598	5,136,649,000
1961	1,493	5,342,250,000
1962	1,486	5,538,928,000
1963	1,632	5,461,046,000
1964	1,435	5,476,265,000
1965	1,353	5,271,234,000
1966	1,273	5,008,318,000
1967	1,215	5,062,021,000
1968	1,243	5,343,898,000
1969	1,330	5,000,596,000
1970	1,167	4,565,827,000
1971	1,180	4,789,617,000
1972	1,185	5,000,507,000

Table 2. California Timber Production, 1972.

County	No. of timber operators ^{a/}	Veneer logs and sawlogs (MBM)	Pulp- wood (MBM)	Misc. ^{b/} (MBM)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	4	25,284	-	-	25,284
Amador	14	38,881	-	12	38,893
Butte	36	48,588	167	196	48,951
Calaveras	16	46,959	-	808	47,767
Del Norte	22	233,106	6,946	114	240,166
El Dorado	67	194,796	-	150	194,946
Fresno	8	88,520	-	-	88,520
Glenn	6	54,026	-	350	54,376
Humboldt	214	1,077,877	8,336	1,642	1,087,855
Lake, Colusa	4	39,905	57	125	40,087
Lassen	46	97,273	117	410	97,800
Madera	5	81,989	-	20	82,009
Mariposa, Merced	8	7,765	-	17	7,782
Mendocino	113	539,085	-	1,260	540,345
Modoc	23	98,617	-	186	98,803
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	4	-	1,665	143	1,808
Napa, Marin, Solano	4	60	15	30	105
Nevada	57	79,273	-	218	79,491
Placer	46	126,402	-	313	126,715
Plumas	82	286,655	4	-	286,659
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	5	16,537	2,100	258	18,895
San Diego, Riverside	4	201	-	151	352
San Mateo	11	6,258	-	123	6,381
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	5	-	757	-	757
Santa Cruz	23	20,607	-	638	21,245
Shasta	136	404,870	-	1,013	405,883
Sierra	31	91,952	-	246	92,198
Siskiyou	91	463,364	-	260	463,624
Sonoma	42	65,934	414	66	66,414
Tehama	12	160,697	362	60	161,119
Trinity	43	244,203	4	125	244,332
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	12	155,148	-	63	155,211
Tuolumne	23	150,359	293	14	150,666
Yuba	13	24,334	201	533	25,068
Total	1,185	4,969,525	21,438	9,544	5,000,507

^{a/} Includes active timber operators producing miscellaneous and other forest products (Tables 2 and 3).

^{b/} Miscellaneous forest products include split products, poles, piling, fence posts and cordwood. For breakdown see Table 3.

Table 3. Production of miscellaneous forest products
in California, 1972.

County	Split products (MBM)	Poles Piling (pieces)	Fence Posts (pieces)	Fuel- wood (cords)	Total (MBM)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	-	-	-	-	-
Amador	-	-	-	24	12
Butte	-	-	500	380	196
Calaveras	-	-	300	1,610	808
Del Norte	114	-	-	-	114
El Dorado	-	1,250	-	50	150
Fresno	-	-	-	-	-
Glenn	-	3,500	-	-	350
Humboldt	1,635	25	-	9	1,642
Lake, Colusa	-	1,250	-	-	125
Lassen	2	3,051	1,260	177	410
Madera	-	-	-	40	20
Mariposa, Merced	-	50	-	25	17
Mendocino	1,249	-	-	22	1,260
Modoc	-	-	-	392	186
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	-	-	-	286	143
Napa, Marin, Solano	-	-	-	60	30
Nevada	-	1,352	650	152	218
Placer	-	1,400	-	345	313
Plumas	-	-	-	-	-
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	400	-	435	258
San Diego, Riverside	1	200	-	260	151
San Mateo	-	-	-	246	123
Santa Clara, San Benito, Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	50	200	-	1,135	638
Shasta	5	7,007	-	615	1,013
Sierra	-	1,606	75	153	246
Siskiyou	-	100	-	500	260
Sonoma	-	300	-	71	66
Tehama	22	-	-	76	60
Trinity	4	1,215	-	-	125
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	-	-	-	125	63
Tuolumne	10	40	-	-	14
Yuba	-	2,250	-	615	533
Total	3,092	25,196	2,785	7,803	9,544

Table 4. Production of other forest products in California, 1972.

County	Christmas trees (number)	Greenery (tons)
Alpine, Mono, Inyo	365	-
Amador	857	-
Butte	10,383	-
Calaveras	11,313	-
Del Norte	-	-
El Dorado	35,560	-
Fresno	125	-
Glenn	5,790	-
Humboldt	2,565	94
Lake, Colusa	-	-
Lassen	107,605	2
Madera	1,705	-
Mariposa, Merced	50	-
Mendocino	3,085	1
Modoc	19,378	-
Monterey, San Luis Obispo	1,488	-
Napa, Marin, Solano	-	-
Nevada	21,884	-
Placer	31,644	-
Plumas	92,188	1
San Bernardino, Los Angeles	-	-
San Diego, Riverside	900	6
San Mateo	-	-
Santa Clara, San Benito	-	-
Contra Costa, Stanislaus	-	-
Santa Cruz	10,061	-
Shasta	181,242	-
Sierra	38,428	-
Siskiyou	60,028	-
Sonoma	-	-
Tehama	22,977	-
Trinity	1,346	-
Tulare, Kern, Ventura	900	-
Tuolumne	700	-
Yuba	1,200	-
Total	663,767	104